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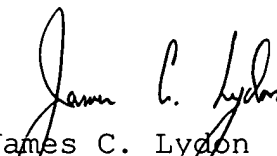
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is an English Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report for International Application PCT/FR99/03003.

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